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ENGLAND.

*Influenza in London.*LONDON, ENGLAND, *January 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the epidemic of influenza which has been prevalent here for the past five or six weeks appears to be on the increase. Three hundred and forty deaths are attributed to it in the registrar-general's report for the past week, against 316 for the week previous.

Respectfully,

G. M. MAGRUDER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Report from Liverpool.*LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *January 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended January 13, 1900: The health of Liverpool remains good, no quarantinable disease being reported. Sixteen vessels have cleared for United States ports during the week. Of these, 11 have been inspected and 5 have been cleared without inspection. All immigrants were inspected, preference being given to passenger steamers. The method of procedure in regard to passenger steamers is as follows: All immigrants are inspected on the dock, their cards are stamped and their baggage labeled. The second-cabin passengers are inspected as they go aboard the tender or steamer. The crew is inspected on board ship at the same time that the board of trade inspection is made. The steerage compartments and forecabin are inspected prior to the embarkation of the immigrants. At present it has been found impossible to inspect the holds and bunkers of any vessels save those sailing in ballast. No inspection has been commenced as yet of first-class passengers.

In regard to freight nothing of especial interest has occurred except the appearance of a little freight from Oporto. Wine, new wood fiber, and cocoa berries transhipped at Oporto have been passed as new material incapable of conveying infection.

I take pleasure further in reporting that the consular officers at this port have offered me every facility in the carrying on of the work of inspection.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Reports from Southampton.*SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *January 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected during the week ended January 6, 1900:

Wednesday, January 3, steamship *Trave* of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 36 first and second cabin passengers, and Saturday, January 6, steamship *Saint Paul* of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 116